



NATURE'S TAPESTRY PHOTO
**ADVENTURE
TOURS**



Costa Rica

April 28 — May 6, 2027

Discover the amazing photography opportunities that exist in the Heart and Soul of this incredible country from the steamy rainforests to the high Talamanca Mountains. All located in the central part of Costa Rica. A photographer's paradise!

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Nine amazing days of exceptional bird photography experiences from the time you arrive in Costa Rica until you have to leave this fabulous place.

The Republic of Costa Rica is a jewel in Central America. The country has coastlines in both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean with an ideal climate. It is known for its immense biodiversity of huge rainforests and towering mountains.

With 943 species recorded on its territory to this day, Costa Rica is one of the most diverse countries

in terms of bird species per square mile in the world. Four of these species are strictly limited to Costa Rica's geographical boundaries and more than one hundred regional endemic species are shared with neighboring countries.

This tour has been designed to maximize the opportunities for the best bird photography in the country. A selection of destinations that combines field work sessions, macro photography, landscape photography and special feeding stations awaits you on this special Costa Rica tour.

The tour is relaxed and informal with not a lot of walking involved.

The following is a summary of the tour by day outlining the activities and accommodation:

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	ACCOMMODATIONS
1	April 28, 2027	Arrival in San Jose, meet your Birding Experiences guide and transfer to Hotel Bougainvillea	Bougainvillea
2	April 29, 2027	Drive to Arenal, en route stop at La Paz de San Ramón for field photography of Three-wattled Bellbird and Sunbittern, also middle elevation tanagers and hummingbird photography.	Arenal Observation Lounge
3	April 30, 2027	Spend the morning photographing at the lodge grounds. In the afternoon, amphibians and reptiles workshop at Arena Ecozoo.	Arenal Observation Lounge
4	May 1, 2027	Bird photography at the lodge grounds and at Papa's Place Feeders, drive to Boca Tapada.	Laguna Lagarto Lodge
5	May 2, 2027	King Vulture Hide and Fruit feeders at Laguna del Lagarto. In the evening, we will have a session with setups for Bats in flight.	Laguna Lagarto Lodge
6	May 3, 2027	Visit Nectar and Pollen Gardens and drive to the highlands.	Savegre
7	May 4, 2027	Resplendent Quetzals and highland endemics.	Savegre
8	May 5, 2027	Photography at Savegre Valley and drive to San Jose. En route, visit to Casa Dowii.	Bougainvillea
9	May 6, 2027	Shuttle service to International Airport	Departure



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Day 1 — April 28, 2027 — Arrival and Central Valley Overnight.

Meet your guide at the airport and drive to your hotel nearby. Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the grounds of the hotel. Birding at the hotel gardens is a good way to start getting familiar with some of the common birds of Costa Rica and take some photographs. In the evening, meet with the group for a briefing and dinner.

Lodging at: Hotel Bougainvillea. *Meals included:* Dinner.

Day 2 — April 29, 2027 — Drive to Arenal, en route visit La Paz de San Ramón.

After breakfast, drive to Arenal. On the way, stop at La Paz de San Ramón to photograph the incredible Three-wattled Bell bird and Sunbittern. Then lunch at Canopy San Luis with wonderful photo ops of Bay-headed, Silver-throated, and Emerald Tanagers and several species of hummingbirds, including Green-crowned Brilliant, Violet Sabrewing, Crowned Woodnymph, and Green Thorntail.

After lunch, drive to our lodge in Arenal. Spend the rest of the day on the gardens of the hotel.

Lodging at: Arenal Observatory Lodge. *Meals included:* Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 3 — April 30, 2027 — Photography Workshop at Arenal Ecozoo.

We will start the day at the deck and bird feeders of the hotel for great pics of Montezuma Oropendula, Great Curassow, Scarlet-rumped and Blue-gray Tanagers.

We will explore the gardens of the lodge looking for hummingbird species, motomots, and more.

After lunch, we will head to Arenal Ecozoo, where they will prepare a photography setup to work with several species of reptiles and amphibians, including Eyelash Vipers, Hognosed Pitviper, Jumping Pitviper, and more.

Lodging at: Arenal Observatory Lodge. *Meals included:* Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 4 — May 1, 2027 — Photography at bird feeders of the lodge and Papa's Place, drive to Boca Tapada.

Before breakfast, spend some more time at the feeders and gardens of the hotel.

After breakfast, we will visit Papa's Place, a bird feeding station where we will have the chance of photographing species such as Rufous-winged Woodpecker and Yellow-crowned Euphonia. We will also do some field photography for White-fronted Nunbird and several species of motmots. Then, we will drive to our lodge in Boca Tapada.

Lodging at: Laguna Lagarto Lodge. *Meals included:* Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



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Day 5 — May 2, 2027 — King Vulture Hide and Fruit feeders at Laguna del Lagarto. In the evening, we will have a session with setups for bats in flight.

We will start our day at dawn with a short drive to Laguna del Lagarto for more wonderful photography from the deck and fruit feeders. Keel-billed and Yellow-throated Toucans; Collared Aracari, Brown-hooded and Red-ored Parrots; Green, Shining, and Red-legged Honeycreepers are some of the expected species here.

In the mid-morning, head to photography hide and get ready for the unique experience with the stunning King Vulture.

We will spend the afternoon on the feeders and gardens of the hotel. In the evening, we will have a step session with bats.

Lodging at: Laguna Lagarto Lodge. *Meals included:* Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 6 — May 3, 2027 — Nectar & Pollen and drive to the highlands.

After breakfast, we head towards our destination in the highlands. We will make a stop at Nectar & Pollen feeding stations, where we will have a variety of foothill species. Amongst the possible species, Blue-chested Hummingbird, White-tipped Sicklebill and Violet-headed Hummingbird, Rufous Motmot, Bat Falcon, and even flyovers of King Vulture.

We will then leave for lunch and continue towards our destination.

In the afternoon, the group will have the chance to photograph hummingbirds and a variety of birds that visit the gardens.

Lodging at: Savegre. *Meals included:* Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 7 — May 4, 2027 — Resplendent Quetzals and Highland Endemics.

Early morning on the field photography of the world-famous Resplendent Quetzal.

We will spend the afternoon at bird feeders and gardens that provide fantastic opportunities for Golden-browed Chlorophonia, Large-footed Finch, Yellow-thighed Brushfinch, Spangle-cheeked Tanager, Sooty-capped Chlorospingus, Black-faced Solitaire, Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush, Sooty Thrush, and long-tailed Silky Flycatcher.

Lodging at: Savegre. *Meals included:* Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 8 — May 5, 2027 — Casa Dowii and drive to San Jose

After a relaxed morning, we will start our drive to San Jose. On the way, we will stop at Casa Dowii for a great lunch and some last photo ops.

Lodging at: Hotel Bougainvillea. *Meals included:* Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 9 — May 6, 2027 — Shuttle to international airport.

Meals included: Breakfast



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TOUR GUIDES

This tour to Costa Rica is brought to you by Judy Lynn and Gary Malloch. Both are very experienced wildlife photographers who specialize in planning and leading tours for adventuresome photographers to exotic places such as Africa, Brazil, India, Ecuador, Costa Rica and the US.

We also welcome people who are not photographers but just want to come and enjoy the experience of seeing wildlife in their natural habitat.

Our tour will be led by an experienced guide and bilingual naturalist who knows every species of bird, frog, snake, animal and reptile found in the country.

TOUR COST

Cost of the nine-day NATURE'S TAPESTRY ADVENTURE TOUR to Costa Rica is US\$7,415 per person sharing a double room. Single supplement is an additional US\$1,200.

Initial deposit is in the amount of US\$3,700 is due when you make a commitment to join the tour. The final tour payment of US\$3,715 is due on or before January 28, 2027.

If you cancel your tour 90 days prior to tour start date or April 28, 2027 a full refund will be made, however a cancellation fee of \$300 will be made. If cancellation is made after the 90 days prior to the start date of the tour, no refund will be made. We highly recommend that guests purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect themselves in case of a last minute need to cancel the tour.

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FINAL PAYMENT	US\$3,715 DUE BY JANUARY 28, 2027



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WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- All overnight accommodations based on double occupancy. All rooms have private bathrooms.
- All meals at each lodge or restaurant while transferring from lodge to lodge.
- In country transportation either in a large passenger van or small tourist bus. Both are very comfortable and air-conditioned.
- All fees for special activities.
- Specialized guide.
- Water and snacks during the trip.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- International airfare
- Personal items such as laundry service, alcoholic or personal beverages.
- Service gratuities at lodges are at your discretion but not necessary.
- Guide gratuity is expected at the end of the tour. General practice is a minimum of \$100 gratuity from each guest and will be collected by Gary Malloch the last day of the tour and presented to the guide on behalf of the guests at the last dinner together.
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance. These two items are highly recommended for all guests.
- Any extra expense or tours not listed or included above.

OTHER IMPORTANT GUEST INFORMATION

1. General information on what to bring on tour will be sent via email to you approximately 60 days prior to the tour start date. Such information will include suitable clothes, camera and lenses and peripheral gear. In addition, general personal items found to be useful will be noted.

2. Guests are recommended to purchase trip cancellation and medical insurance for your personal protection to cover any unforeseen event on the tour. One policy generally covers the following: trip cancellation, delays, lost baggage, etc. and medical insurance. You can research available insurance companies and compare coverage and rates on line

to determine what policy is the best to purchase for your needs.

3. Passports need to be up to date with a minimum of six months validity prior to expiry date.

4. Review and update and health shots you may need with your doctor.

5. All guests that come on tour with NATURE'S TAPESTRY PHOTO ADVENTURE TOURS are required to read and sign Disclaimer and Assumption of Risk documents. These forms will be sent to you once you commit to the tour.

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Please give us an indication of your interest in this tour as soon as possible as bookings are tight for accommodations during this time of the year. We are required to make reservations as early as possible to guarantee space in each lodge.

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